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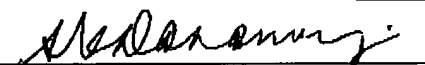
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 5, 2006, the
shortened statutory period for response thereto having been set to
expire on July 5, 2006, reconsideration of the Action and allowance
of the present application are respectfully requested and are
believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and
remarks: